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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

REF: STATE 151341

1. ON JULY 3, EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE REFTEL WITH SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE OFFICIALS LEVY AND ROSSIER. LEVY SAID SWISS POSITION VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF USG, AND SWISS DELEGATE TO SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING (ROSSIER) WILL BE PREPARED TO WORK TOWARD AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON MAJOR ISSUES. IN ADDITION TO ISSUES MENTIONED REFTEL, LEVY WOULD ALSO ADD PROBLEM OF THRESHOLD. ON THIS QUESTION LEVY SAID SWISS KEEPING OPEN MIND BUT LEAN TOWARD THRESHOLD HIGH ENOUGH TO BE SIGNIFICANT IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

2. LEVY AGREED THAT OECD COUNTRIES SHOULD REACH AGREEMENT  
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AMONG THEMSELVES BEFORE MOVING NEGOTIATIONS IN GATT MTN.

WHILE SWISS FAVOR PARTICIPATION OF LDC'S IN NEGOTIATING  
GOVERNMENT PROCURMENT CODE WITHIN GATT, LEVY DOUBTED THEY COULD  
PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE.

3. LEVY EXPRESSED FEAR THAT CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC  
SITUATION WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT THAN EVER FOR OECD  
COUNTRIES RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES. HE SAID MUCH  
DEPENDS ON WILL OF PARTICIPANTS, PARTICULARLY EC AND  
JAPAN, TO REACH AGREEMENT. LEVY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW  
US VIEWS ON CURRENT POSITION OF EC AND JAPANESE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING  
APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ON EC AND JAPANESE ATTITUDES FOR  
LEVY.  
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